



Miami-Dade Parks June 2010 Calendar of Events

(Note: Calendar events and dates and times are subject to change)

JAN 23 – AUG 1, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

THE WORLD OF GIANT INSECTS

Included with Zoo admission

Don't miss The World of Giant Insects at Miami MetroZoo from January 23rd – August 1st at Dr. Wilde's World. You will be able to explore these amazing creatures shown 40 to 120 times their life size. Details that were previously indiscernible are magnified and explored, like the complexity of insect eyes, mouths and sensory organs.

Miami MetroZoo
12400 SW 152nd Street
Miami, FL 33177
305-251-0400

JUNE 2, 7:30 PM

REDLAND EVENING HERB SOCIETY

Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

JUNE 4; 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

GREYNOLDS PARK CAMPFIRE PROGRAM

\$6/person

Before there were televisions and video games for entertainment, families would gather around campfires to tell stories and sing songs. Pay homage to those simpler times with our classic campfire program!

Reservations are required.

Camp Greynolds
18601 NE 22nd Ave.,
North Miami Beach, FL, 33160.
Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

JUNE 5, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES: CRANDON NATURALIST ECOLOGY SERIES: COASTAL BIRDS

\$10 / person

This workshop will introduce you to the wonderful world of coastal birds. Learn how to identify the many coastal birds found in South Florida. After the presentation, you will get a chance to go out on the beach with our naturalist guides to try out your new learned skills. Remember to bring your binoculars.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 361-6767 ext 112

JUNE 5, 10 AM – 12 PM

BOOK NOOK BY THE BAY

Free with Estate admission: Adults \$10; Children (ages 4-14) \$5

Held on the first Saturday of each month, join us for "Book Nook by the Bay" for family story time, on-site eco-arts and crafts, science programs and more! Each month the Estate offers to the public an environmentally themed topic, story-time and a host of activities.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 5, 10:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

PLANT PROPAGATION

Fee: \$40

Learn the methods utilized in producing tropical fruit trees: how to plant seed, air layer and graft. Session breaks for lunch. Receive a free tree to graft and take home. Instructor: Chris Rollins

Fruit and Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031

305-247-5727

JUNE 5; 9 a.m. - Noon

ECO-ACTION DAYS: VOLUNTEER WORK DAY AT GREYNOLDS PARK

There is no better way to connect with nature than to get down and dirty at one of our monthly volunteer days! Join our naturalists in restoring our parks and natural areas. Projects include removing weeds or invasive exotic vegetation, planting, mulching, and picking up garbage. Bring your work gloves and small hand tools. Sunscreen, long shirts/pants, water, hats, and sunglasses are highly recommended.

FREE. Reservations are required.

Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center

17530 W. Dixie Highway

North Miami Beach, FL 33160.

Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3435.

JUNE 5, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: INDIAN KEY KAYAK AND SNORKEL EXPEDITION

Fee: \$85.00

This is truly an Eco-Adventure! Jump in our Eco-van with your naturalist-guide as we make our way to Indian Key, the first government seat of Miami-Dade County. Explore the island by canoe, just as the first settlers did in the 1800s. Snorkel in the clear waters and surrounding coral reefs which are teeming with wildlife! Join us as we retell historic events and spend the day exploring the island on foot.

Meet at A.D. Barnes Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.

Miami, FL

(305) 365-3018

JUNE 5-6, 8 A.M. – 6 P.M.

HERITAGE HORSE SHOW

Free

Tropical Park Equestrian Center

7900 SW 40 Street

(954) 347-1799

JUNE 6; 12:30 PM - 5:30 PM

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

Event is FREE. Parking: \$6.00/vehicle.

Local Bluegrass talent is showcased at our monthly festivals, held the first Sunday of every month, except for holiday weekends.

Greynolds Park

17530 W. Dixie Highway

North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

(305) 945-5641

JUNE 7 – JULY 5, 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM

FOCUSED AWARENESS MEDITATION

\$60 for 5 classes

Learn the basic skills necessary to begin and maintain a powerful meditation practice and make relaxation part of your daily life. Focused Awareness Meditation will help you establish a firm foundation for the body, create and maintain inner balance through diaphragmatic breathing, and practice techniques

to refine breathing and improve concentration. Through the meditative exercises taught in this program, you will become more adept at adapting to new situations, working through conflicts, and staying calm under pressure. Ages 18 and up. *Instructor: Peggy Gaines*

Visitors Center Exhibit Hall
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 8 – 29, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

DESIGN YOUR SPACE – INTERIOR DESIGN CLASSES

\$160 for a four-week course.

Bring photos of a space in your home to plan, organize, and execute your interior design. Work in small groups with a professional designer to learn basic and essential techniques for lighting, space arrangement, choosing colors and fabrics, and other elements to make your space your own. Ages 18 and up. Instructor: [LuMo Design](#)

Visitors Center Auditorium
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 9; 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. repeats at 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES™: LITTLE EXPLORERS – CRANDON PARK VISITORS AND NATURE CENTER

\$6 per child & caregiver (Ages 3- 6 accompanied by a grownup)

Little ones get to explore nature through a variety of activities such as stories, games, coloring, nature walks, and presentations. Each day will have a different theme and the program will be repeated in the afternoon to help accommodate naptime and other activities.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 361-6767 ext 112

JUNE 10, 7:00 PM

MONTHLY LECTURE SERIES

Free to the public

In partnership with the [Archaeological Society of Southern Florida](#), a non-profit, volunteer organization which acts as a support mechanism for the office of the Miami-Dade County Archaeologist, the Deering Estate at Cutler presents a monthly lecture highlighting unique and interesting connections to our past. This serves as a focal point for local archaeology enthusiasts and professionals in the field, and helps to promote knowledge and appreciation of native archaeological and historical sites in the South Florida area.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 10, 7:00 PM

SOUTH DADE GARDEN CLUB

The South Dade Garden Club has been in existence for 70 years, 55 years at the Park. Come to a meeting and learn about gardening, and make some new friends.

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

JUNE 10, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM *Early drop-off and late pick-up are available for an additional fee.*

ONE-DAY CAMP AT DEERING ESTATE (TEACHER PLANNING DAY)

\$38 per day; \$75 both days (June 10 & 11)
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 11, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM. *Early drop-off and late pick-up are available for an additional fee.*

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\$38 per day; \$75 both days (June 10 & 11)
Deering Estate at Cutler
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Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 11; 7:30-9:00pm

CREATURES OF THE NIGHT HIKE

Admission: \$6/person

Fascinated by the moon and the stars or even glow bugs? Then come to learn about the mysteries of the night and see what lurks around our park when the lights go out! After a 30-minute Power Point presentation, our naturalists will take you on a night hike through the park in search of its nocturnal residents.

Reservations are required.

Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center
17530 W. Dixie Highway
North Miami Beach, FL, 33160.
Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

JUNE 12, 9 AM TO NOON

MANGO MANIA

Fee: \$40

Everything you want to know about mangos: how to grow them, their insect and disease problems, recipes, and the many different varieties of mango that exist. Sample fruit until the juice drips from your elbows and taste a sampling of sticky-rice with mango. Visit more than 150 different varieties in the Fruit & Spice Park. Instructor: Chris Rollins

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

JUNE 12, 7 A.M. – 9 P.M.

SOUTH FLORIDA HORSE SHOW

Free

Tropical Park Equestrian Center
7900 SW 40 Street
(305) 226-7886

JUNE 14 – JUNE 25 (10-day camp session), 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. *Early drop-off and late pick-up are available for an additional fee.*

SUMMER CAMP AT THE DEERING ESTATE

\$375 per session; \$188 per week

Eco-Explorers (ages 6 - 8): Children can experience a fun environment in which they can explore a balance of environmental awareness, adventures, and eco-themed arts and crafts while exploring the history and nature of the Deering Estate. The program makes use of the many advantages within the archeological, natural and historic setting of the Estate, including interactive exhibits, our natural areas and technology lab.

Deering Discovery (ages 9 - 11): Children will learn about history, archeology, and nature by taking part in a series of hands on activities at the Deering Discovery Camp. Camp activities include: nature hikes, educational environmental projects, a canoe trip to Chicken Key and participation in an exciting

archeological dig along with other enrichment and recreational activities.

Camp Ikana Okee (ages 12 - 15): Camp *Ikana Okee* which means sea and land is an adventure camp for youth ages 12-15. Science, Education and Adventure are the focus as campers explore the wonders of the natural and marine world. Camp Ikana Okee offers unique and innovative recreational activities where the mysteries of the oceans are revealed through hands-on activities above, beside and below the water's surface.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 14 – AUGUST 13, 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: SUMMER CAMP

Turtle Camp – ages 6-8, \$110 per week

Camp Cutler – ages 9-12, \$125 per week

At summer camp your children will explore South Florida's wild side. Each week of camp introduces your camper to South Florida's natural environment through field trips, presentations, hands-on learning activities, games, arts & crafts, and much more. Each day, through hands-on nature activities and new adventures, your children's eyes will be opened up to a whole new world. (Early drop off from 7:30am and late pick up until 6:00pm at no additional cost)

Bill Sadowski Park
17555 SW 79 Ave.
Miami, FL 33157
305-255-4767

JUN 14 – AUG 20, 9 AM – 5 PM, with early drop-off 7:30 AM and late pick-up 6 PM

MIAMI-DADE PARKS' SUMMER CAMPS

Prices vary. From its general program camp Fit-to-Play, Green-it-Up, to a specialized camp such as Arts Education or Learn-to-Swim program, there is something for every child's recreational and educational interest at a Miami-Dade Parks Summer Camp, running Monday through Friday for 10 weeks from June 14 – August 20, 2010, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., with early drop-off available at 7:30 a.m. and late pick-up at 6 p.m. at most camp sites.

Together with the University of Miami Health System (UHealth) and the UM Miller School of Medicine, Miami-Dade Parks is teaching children how to be fit and healthy, and about the health benefits of going green, in its **Fit-to-Play, Green-it-Up** general program camp at over 50 park sites throughout the County. The 10-week summer camp will feature daily exercise and nutrition education components, as well as an environment-friendly component where children will learn how a healthy planet is essential for a healthy child. In addition to its general program camp, Miami-Dade Parks offers a variety of specialty camps including **Arts Education** camps at African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, Raices Cultural Arts Center, and at the Women's Park; **camps for Children with Disabilities**; **EcoAdventures™ Nature camps**, and numerous **Sports** camps such as golf, tennis, cheerleading, football, basketball, and soccer, as well as camps at **The Deering Estate at Cutler** and **Miami MetroZoo**. Miami-Dade Parks also offers **Learn-to-Swim** programs at all of its parks with pools, taught by American Red Cross-certified water-safety instructors.

General and specialty camps also feature exciting field trips to sites such as Miami MetroZoo, Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center, Deering Estate at Cutler, Pelican Island, and Joseph Caleb Auditorium for theatre and film programs. Campers will also enjoy an end-of-summer "bash" with games, contests, and lunch scheduled for July 27-30 at Tropical Park Equestrian Center. There will be guest appearances by Billy the Marlin and the Marlin Mermaids on July 29 and 30. Please visit the website at www.miamidade.gov/parks or call 305-755-7800 for more information.

JUNE 19, 10 AM TO NOON

LYCHEE & LONGAN WORKSHOP

Fee: \$25

This class will cover how to grow and use lychee and longan. It will be held during the Redland Summer Fruit Festival. Participants can sample lychee and longan products and buy fresh lychees and mangos in

the festival after the class. Lychee and longan trees will be available for purchase. Instructor: Chris Rollins
Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

JUNE 19 - 20, 10 AM TO 5 PM

REDLAND SUMMER FRUIT FESTIVAL

Admission \$8: (Children 11 & under are free)

This annual event showcases local agriculture and tropical fruits. Vendor booths featuring local wines, yummy foods, and rare fruit samplings will be available. Sponsored by the Fruit and Spice Park.

Fruit and Spice Park
24801 SW 187 Avenue
Homestead, FL 33031
305-247-5727

JUNE 20, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM (please arrive at 1:30 pm)

BAY CRUISE

\$35 per person

Pontoon Boat Tours are offered on the "Pelican Island Skipper," a 45-foot Corinthian Catamaran. The boat will depart from the Deering Estate and will explore the waters of Biscayne Bay. A

Deering Education & Interpretive Staff Member will educate passengers on birds, sea mammals, Native Americans, and early pioneers. The vessel complies with Coast Guard regulations and is ADA accessible.

Space is limited; reservations required

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

Miami, FL

305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 20; 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: ECOADVENTURES MIAMI TOUR

\$65 / person

EcoAdventures™ staff will show you Miami like no one else can. Visit key neighborhoods of the city and learn what made Miami the vibrant international place it is today. It's a four-hour van tour with stops along the way that give you the real flavor of Miami. This town has a lot of stories to tell: good, bad, and unbelievable. Let us show you the magic. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

JUNE 21 – AUGUST 6

BANK OF AMERICA ZOOFARI SUMMER CAMP

This fun-filled learning adventure for children includes live animal presentations, craft projects, special zookeeper talks, wildlife enrichment activities, visits to exhibits, recreational games and more! Pre-registration is required. For more information, call the Zoological Society of Florida at (305) 255-5551 or visit www.miamimetrozoo.com.

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 Street

Miami, FL 33177-1499

(305) 251-0400

www.miamimetrozoo.com

JUNE 22 – JULY 27, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

BEGINNING YOGA (EVENING CLASSES)

\$60 for 6 weeks.

Practice postures and focused breathing techniques that will help you achieve a sense of well-being and

self-control while strengthening your body. Ages 18 and up. *Instructor: Marlene Shulman*
Visitors Center Exhibit Hall
Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 23 – JULY 28, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

BEGINNING YOGA (MORNING CLASSES)

\$60 for 6 weeks.

Practice postures and focused breathing techniques that will help you achieve a sense of well-being and self-control while strengthening your body. Ages 18 and up. *Instructor: Marlene Shulman*

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JUNE 24 & 25, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM

MOONLIGHT CANOE TOUR

\$40 adults

Take a canoe tour across Biscayne Bay to Chicken Key under the light of the full moon! A Deering Education and Interpretive Staff Member will accompany you to Chicken Key while sharing some of the ecological facts of the bay. This night-time adventure includes a camp-fire and light snacks on the island. Ages 18 and over. For the safety of our guests and staff, alcohol is not permitted.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 26, 8:00 PM (main gate opens at 7:00 pm)

SUMMER CABARET CONCERT SERIES: FEATURING HARMONIC MOTIONS – MIDDLE-EASTERN, ARMENIAN, AND NORTH-AFRICAN MUSIC AND DANCE

\$20 single tickets; \$55 three-concert series

The Deering Estate's Summer Cabaret Concert Series features eclectic and world music artists in an intimate setting. June's concert will feature Harmonic Motions with musician/composer Joe Zeytoonian and dancer/percussionist Myriam Eli performing Middle-Eastern, Armenian, and North-African music and dance. They have recorded for Estefan Enterprises and Sony Music with Latin Pop Rock singer Shakira, with whom Ms. Eli toured and for whom she choreographs and drums. Mr. Zeytoonian has also recorded with Gloria Estefan. All concerts begin at 8 pm; the main gate opens at 7 pm. *It is recommended to arrive early for preferred seating.* Guests are welcome to bring refreshments and snacks to enjoy during the show. Limited seating is available. Advance tickets are recommended.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Ave.
Miami, FL
305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 26; 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: SUNSET & MOONLIGHT KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$40 / person

View a spectacular South Florida sunset from the seat of a kayak as we paddle through the waters of Bear Cut and explore the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne by light of the rising full moon.

Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

JUNE 28 – JULY 9 (10-DAY CAMP SESSION), 9:00 AM TO 4:30 PM. *Early drop-off and late pick-up are available for an additional fee.*

SUMMER CAMP AT THE DEERING ESTATE

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Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

Miami, FL

305-235-1668 ext. 233

JUNE 30, 7:30 PM

TROPICAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SOCIETY OF THE REDLAND: MONTHLY MEETING

Free tasting table, plant exchange and horticultural library, and monthly guest speaker lecturing on tropical fruits & vegetables.

Fruit and Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031

305-247-5727

Ongoing Activities

DAILY, 10:30 a.m. & 3 p.m.

DEERING HISTORIC HOUSE TOURS

Free with admission to the Estate. Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children ages 4-14

After Charles Deering's death in 1927, the mysterious Deering Estate sat for nearly six decades, frozen in time. The houses were immaculately maintained and filled with fine art and antiques, now in private collections and museums worldwide, but virtually unoccupied. Join one of our Education and Interpretive Staff Members on a guided tour to hear the amazing history of the Richmond Cottage, the first hotel between Coconut Grove and Key West, and the Stone House, a tiny piece of Deering's beloved Barcelona on Biscayne Bay. This tour begins on the front porch of the Richmond Cottage.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DAILY, 12:30 p.m. (Seasonal: October – May)

NATURAL AREA TOURS

Free with admission to the Estate. Admission: \$10 adults; \$5 children ages 4-14.

This tour begins on the front porch of the Richmond Cottage.

Join one of our Education and Interpretive Staff Members and walk in the footsteps of Florida's first peoples. Hike through a lush forest of tropical hardwood trees and clinging vines down the Native American footpath that, near the end of the nineteenth century, would become the first Cutler Road/Ingram Highway. Along the way visit the Cutler Burial Mound and Cutler Creek, where work is currently underway to restore historic water flow throughout the park. Comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent are recommended for this one-and-a-half mile excursion.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave Miami, FL 33157

(305)235-1668 ext. 233

DAILY 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (YEAR-ROUND)

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK VISITORS & BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER

\$5/Vehicle, \$10/Bus (\$6/vehicle, \$12/ bus on weekends and holidays)

The Crandon Park Visitors and Biscayne Nature Center is your gateway to the Bear Cut Preserve, a 264-acre natural barrier island habitat located on the northern tip of Key Biscayne. Guided tours and educational programs are offered year round for all ages - from low tide marine beach and wading tours, to bird watching, canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling and bicycling. Visit the center's exhibit room and aquariums with different re-created underwater habitats. Self-guided nature trails are available with trail brochures at the Nature Center.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 361-6767, Ext. 112

DAILY, 9:30 a.m. – Noon

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$ 30/Per Person (For Ages 9 and Above) Kayak along the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Join us as we discover the tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this fragile and unique environment. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking and snorkeling and we are certain it will be the highlight of your visit to Crandon Park. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors & Biscayne Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

305-365-3018

DAILY, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S SEA KAYAK & SNORKEL ADVENTURE

\$70 / person

Kayak along the beautiful shallow waters of Key Biscayne and explore the protected areas of Bear Cut Preserve where land meets the sea. Join us as we discover the tropical fish, spotted eagle rays, sea stars, and coastal birds that share this fragile and unique environment. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking and snorkeling and we are certain it will be the highlight of your visit to Crandon Park. We highly recommend closed-toe shoes (water shoes), water (1quart minimum), snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, towel, and a wide-brimmed hat. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

DAILY, 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON GARDENS CANOE ADVENTURE

\$22 / person

Come explore the beautiful gardens at Crandon Park with a leisurely paced canoe tour through its canals. Learn about the origins of the gardens, as it was once the home of the Crandon Park Zoo, as well as the many birds that inhabit the gardens today.

Crandon Gardens at Crandon Park

4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #3, South Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

DAILY, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

FREE FLIGHT AVIARY

Encounter rare and exotic Asian birds close-up and in free flight. Watch them build their nests and care for their young. American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 St.
(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

BIRD FEEDINGS

Follow the bird keepers for fun and information while they go throughout the aviary feeding the birds.

American Bankers Family Aviary, Wings of Asia

Miami Metrozoo

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Observe ducks swimming on top of and under the water with fish and turtles through the viewing glass of the indoor, air-conditioned Observation Center. Step out behind two waterfalls to see the aviary from a duck's eye view, and learn how you can participate in local conservation efforts in the Potamkin Conservation Center.

Miami MetroZoo,

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DINOSAUR ENCOUNTERS

View a film showing the link between dinosaurs and birds at the Field Research Center, then search for the skeleton of a 40-foot-long carnivorous dinosaur in a mock fossil excavation dig pit.

Miami MetroZoo,

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m

TOADSTOOL!

ToadStool is a place for fun, observation, learning, and is sure to delight the entire family. You can observe poison dart frogs in ferocious battles, watch blind cave fish as they swim without bumping into each other, see Emperor scorpions and meet a large Burmese python!

Commercebank Children's Zoo

Miami MetroZoo

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

Open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

THE SAMBURU GIRAFFE FEEDING STATION

Cost: \$2. You will get to feed our giraffes delicious veggie treats like romaine or iceberg lettuce, kale or collard greens. Visitors have the opportunity to walk up a custom built ramp that leads to an elevated platform overlooking the giraffe exhibit.

Miami MetroZoo

12400 SW 152 St.

(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

PINE ROCKLAND GUIDED TOUR

Walk through this fire-dependent habitat that the gopher tortoise, great horned owl and the Florida panther call home. Learn about the county's largest remnant of the rare native pinelands that exists nowhere else on earth. Walking tours are scheduled through the Education Department at 305-255-5551.

Miami MetroZoo

12400 SW 152 St.

www.miamimetrozoo.com

DAILY, 1:30 PM (with an extra show at 2:30 PM on weekends & holidays)

DIEGO'S DISCOVERY DEN

At the Commercebank Children's Zoo, see Diego in his Discovery Den! The star of Nick Jr.'s Go, Diego, Go!, one of the top pre-school shows on commercial television, has started his featured performances.
Miami MetroZoo
12400 SW 152 St.
(305) 251-0400 or www.miamimetrozoo.com

MON & WED, 11 AM – NOON

MON & WED, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

BASKETBALL TEAM

\$40 monthly

Learn basketball skills and drills. Compete in the Special Olympics. For adults 21+ with developmental disabilities.

3401 SW 72nd Ave Miami, FL
305-665-5319

MON, WED & FRI, NOON – 1 P.M.

LOW IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24 St.
(305) 222-2128

MON – FRI, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM

ADULT DAY TRAINING

\$117.50/week

Adults 18 and over with Developmental Disabilities participate in a meaningful day of activities. Goal-oriented activities focus on life skills, social skills, community integration, self-help, nutrition, hygiene, art, dance, and fitness. Our person-centered approach includes a team involving the participant, parents/guardian, staff and others who work together to create an individualized implementation plan.

AD Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319 / (305) 669-4052

MON – FRI, 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

ADULT AFTERCARE

\$45 weekly

Adults 18+ with developmental disabilities will be provided a guided learning environment in which they will learn leisure activities, physical fitness, continue developing and exercising appropriate social skills, teamwork, and daily living skills.

A.D. Barnes Park
3401 SW 72nd Ave Miami, FL
305-665-5319

August 24, 2009-June 9, 2010

MON – FRI, 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

OUT OF SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

Free

Children participate in a variety of activities including, but not limited to sports, arts & crafts, homework help, field trips, and literacy. Program will run full day on teacher planning days and most holidays

Coral Estates Park
1405 SW 97th Ave Miami, FL
305-226-1622
Goulds Park
11350 SW 216 St Miami, FL
305-234-1673
Camp Matecumbe
13841 SW 120th St Miami, FL

305-752-4966
Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24th St Miami, FL
305-222-2128
Westwind Lakes
6805 SW 152nd Ave Miami, FL
305-380-9106
Greynolds Park
17530 West Dixie Highway North Miami Beach, FL
305-945-3425

TUE & THU, 9 AM – NOON

PLAYING TUNES BEFORE NOON

\$35/7 sessions (30-minute sessions)

Keyboard lessons for adults of all abilities. Beginner and Intermediate levels welcomed.

Greynolds Park
18601 NE 22 Ave.
(305) 945-3425

TUE & THU, 9:45 – 11 AM

TAI CHI

Free.

Learn 12 slow flowing movements that will improve balance and flexibility and reduce stress.

Westwind Lakes Park
6805 SW 152 Ave.
(305) 234-1673

TUE & THU, 11 AM – NOON

LOW-IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

A.D. Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 226-1622

TUE & THU, 11 AM – NOON

LOW-IMPACT WATER EXERCISES

\$30/10 sessions

Water exercises for adults to promote joint flexibility, muscle strength, coordination, and balance.

Goulds Pool
21805 SW 114 Ave.
(305) 234-1673

TUE & THU, 12 – 1 PM

FITNESS SWIMMING

\$30/10 sessions

Lap swimming for adults 18 and up who have physical disabilities and sensory impairments. Participants must be able to swim already. Instruction on stroke refinement will be provided.

Goulds Pool
21805 SW 114 Ave.
(305) 382-8160

TUE, THU, FRI

LEARN TO SWIM

\$30/10 classes

Swimming classes for children and adults with physical disabilities. Various times.

Goulds Pool
21805 SW 114 Ave.

(305) 382-8160

TUE & THURS, 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

SWIM TEAM

\$40 monthly

Learn swim techniques and participate in Special Olympics swim competitions. Participants must have basic swimming skills. For adults 21+ with developmental disabilities.

A.D. Barnes Park

3401 SW 72nd Ave Miami, FL

305-665-5319

1st Wednesday of the Month; 7:30 p.m.

REDLAND EVENING HERB SOCIETY

Enjoy learning about herbs and their uses.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, Fl. 33031

305-247-5727

Last Wednesday of Every Month, 7:30 p.m.

TROPICAL FRUIT & VEGETABLE SOCIETY OF THE REDLAND

Free tasting table, plant exchange and horticultural library. Monthly guest speaker lecturing on tropical fruits & vegetables.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, Fl. 33031

305-247-5727

THURS, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

EVERGLADES EXPEDITION

\$65 per person

Glide through the Everglades with your local guide and experience the breathtaking beauty and unique wildlife native to the “river of grass.” After your airboat ride, have lunch at the Coopertown Restaurant and then travel to Shark Valley, Everglades National Park where you will enjoy a leisurely paced guided walk through the Bobcat Boardwalk where deer, otter, and alligator are often spotted.

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.,

Miami, FL 33155

305-365-3018

2nd Thursday of the month; 7:00 p.m.

SOUTH DADE GARDEN CLUB

In existence for 70 years, 55 years at the Fruit & Spice Park. Come to a meeting and learn about gardening, and make some new friends.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, Fl. 33031

305-247-5727

2nd Thursday of the month; Board meeting begins at 6:30 pm; Lecture begins at 7:00 pm for the public.

ARCHEOLOGY SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN FLORIDA

Free

In partnership with the Archaeological Society of Southern Florida, a non-profit, volunteer organization which acts as a support mechanism for the office of the Miami-Dade County Archaeologist, the Deering Estate at Cutler presents a monthly lecture highlighting unique and interesting connections to our past. This serves as a focal point for local archaeology enthusiasts and professionals in the field, and helps to promote knowledge and appreciation of native archaeological and historical sites in the South Florida area.

Deering Estate at Cutler
16701 SW 72 Avenue
Miami, FL 33157
305-235-1668 ext. 233

FRI, 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

MIAMI 101

\$60 per person

If you're new to Miami or just visiting, this is a great introduction to the "magic city." EcoAdventures™ staff will show you Miami like no one else can. Visit key neighborhoods of the city and learn what made Miami the vibrant international place it is today. It's a four hour van tour with stops along the way that give you the real flavor of Miami. This town has a lot of stories to tell: good, bad, and unbelievable. Let us show you the magic.

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center
3401 SW 72 Ave.,
Miami, FL 33155
305-365-3018

FRI; 5:30-6:30 p.m. (children); 6:30-7:30 p.m. (adults)

AUG 28, 2009 – JUN 4, 2010

FRIDAY FENCING CLUB

\$35 per 8 sessions

Fencing instruction for children and adults with physical disabilities.

Tamiami Park
11201 SW 24th St Miami, FL
305-222-2128

FRI, 6 – 10:30 PM

FUN ON FRIDAYS

\$40/weekly

Ongoing program for adults with developmental disabilities. Participate in social programs with community trips and indoor activities. Work on life and safety skills.

AD Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319 / (305) 669-4052

SAT, 9 AM – 4:30 PM

SATURDAYS IN THE PARK

\$40/weekly

Ongoing program for adults with developmental disabilities. Participate in social programs with community trips and indoor activities. Work on life and safety skills.

AD Barnes Park
3401 SW 72 Ave.
(305) 665-5319 / (305) 669-4052

SAT, (March 20 – May 15, 2010)

10 A.M. – 11 A.M.

SHOOT FOR THE GOAL

\$35 for 8 sessions

Program for children with autism ages 6 & up. Participants will learn fundamental soccer skills including passing, dribbling, scoring, and goal keeping. Working on these skills can also improve balance, coordination, and cardio-fitness. Learning and displaying good sportsmanship, teamwork and social skills will also be emphasized during the program.

Coral Estates Park
1405 SW 97th Ave.
Miami, FL
305-226-1622

SAT, 1 – 3 PM

GOALBALL

Free.

Learn and practice the competitive game of Goalball. For children and adults with visual impairments.

NFL YET Center

7090 NW 22 Ave.

(305) 234-1673

SAT, 9 – 10 AM (BEGINNERS); 10 – 11 AM (ADVANCED)

WHEELCHAIR TENNIS

Free.

Learn how to play wheelchair tennis from a professional. This program is open to children and adults ages 9 and up with physical disabilities.

Big Five Tennis Club

600 SW 92 Ave.

(305) 382-8160

SAT, 11 a.m. – noon

TAI CHI

Fee: \$10

Instructor Elisa C. Smith will calmly guide you in the practice of this ancient martial art. Experience increased energy, strengthened muscles, joint mobility, improved balance, posture, and flexibility. Breathing exercises will aid in healthy stress release.

Fruit & Spice Park

24801 SW 187 Avenue

Homestead, FL 33031

305-247-5727

SAT, 11:30 AM – 1 PM

FITNESS SWIMMING

\$30/10 sessions

Lap swimming for individuals ages 9 - 20 who have physical disabilities and sensory impairments.

Participants must be able to swim already. Instruction on stroke refinement will be provided.

A.D. Barnes Park

3401 SW 72 Ave.

(305) 382-8160

SAT, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

JUDO FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENTS

Free

Participants will learn the fundamentals of Judo from a USA Judo instructor. Opportunities for competition will also be available. This program is opened to individuals 6 and up with visual impairments.

NFL/Yet Center

7090 NW 22nd Ave Miami, FL

305-382-8160

SAT, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE CANOE ADVENTURE

\$44 / person

This naturalist-led canoe trip explores the forgotten and secret part of Key Biscayne. Explore this peaceful water wilderness where great blue herons, spotted eagle rays, upside down jellyfish and green iguanas live among the mangrove fringes. We highly recommend closed-toe shoes (water shoes), water (1 quart minimum), snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, towel, and a wide-brimmed hat to make your trip more enjoyable. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

SAT, 9:00 a.m. - noon

ECO-ACTION DAYS

Free

Rated: Easy – Moderate

This is no better way to connect with nature than to get down and dirty at one of our volunteer days! Join our naturalists in restoring our parks and natural areas. Projects include removing weeds or invasive exotic vegetation, planting, mulching, and picking up garbage. Bring your work gloves and small hand tools. Sunscreen, long sleeves/pants, water, hats, sunglasses are highly recommended. Volunteer letter available if needed for students fulfilling school requirements. Reservations are required. Call (305) 944-6111 for more information. Projects and work locations subject to change. Recommended for all ages!

Meet at the Arch Creek Museum & Nature Center

1855 NE 135 Street

North Miami, FL

SAT (January-March), 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

ARCH CREEK PARK: OLETA RIVER CANOE TOUR

\$28/Adult

Rated: Moderate

The beauty of the Oleta River has drawn man to its shore for centuries. As early as 500 B.C., the river was home to Tequesta Indians who camped along its shore and was part of the route used by Federal troops in the 2nd Seminole War to travel south from Loxahatchee. The river linked the Seminole Indians living in the Everglades to Biscayne Bay. Relive the river's historic past with park naturalists as you explore this natural haven for wading birds, osprey, fish and the endangered West Indian Manatee. It is recommended that you bring at least 2-quarts of water, sunscreen, hat, and sunglasses. Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018; on Sundays and holidays, please call the Greynolds Park Boathouse at (305) 948-2891.

Meet at East Greynolds North Regional Dog Park

16700 Biscayne Blvd

North Miami Beach, FL 33160

SAT and SUN; 9 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS

\$3/person.

Rated: Easy

Join us on a naturalist-guided walk around Miami-Dade County's second-oldest park and discover the wonder of our local history, flora and fauna. Reservations are recommended. Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Office

17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33160.

SAT & SUN; 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

KAYAK RENTALS

This tour begins on the front porch of the Richmond Cottage.

Join one of our Education and Interpretive Staff Members and walk in the footsteps of Florida's first peoples. Hike through a lush forest of tropical hardwood trees and clinging vines down the Native American footpath that, near the end of the nineteenth century, would become the first Cutler Road/Ingram Highway. Along the way visit the Cutler Burial Mound and Cutler Creek, where work is currently underway to restore historic water flow throughout the park. Comfortable walking shoes and insect repellent are recommended for this one-and-a-half mile excursion.

Deering Estate at Cutler

16701 SW 72 Ave.

Miami, FL 33157

305-235-1668 ext. 233

SAT, SUN & Holidays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Weekdays upon request

ECOADVENTURES™: KAYAK RENTALS/ SNORKEL RENTALS

Single or 2 Person Kayak: \$20.00/Hour or \$35.00/3 Hours; Snorkeling Gear Rental: \$8.00 Daily.

Fully equipped "sit on top" ocean kayak rentals and snorkeling equipment available at Crandon Park from our kayak concession building on the beach at lifeguard tower #3.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center.

6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

SAT, SUN & Holidays, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. / Weekdays upon request

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON GARDENS CANOE RENTAL

Single or 2-Person Canoe: \$12.00/Hour or \$28.00/3 Hours

Fully equipped canoe rentals available at Crandon Gardens. Enjoy a leisurely paced canoe ride through the canal system at the Crandon Gardens, the former home of the Crandon Park Zoo.

Crandon Park Gardens

4000 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL

Parking Lot #3, South Beach Entrance

(305) 365-3018

SAT, SUN, and Holidays; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (last rental at 4:30 p.m.)

BOAT RENTALS (KAYAKS, CANOES, AND PADDLEBOATS) AND CONCESSION STAND

Kayak: \$5/adult, \$3/child for 30 min.

Canoes: \$10 for 30 min.

Paddleboats: \$6 for 30 min.

Rated: Easy-Moderate

Explore the mangrove-lined waterways of Greynolds Park on a kayak, canoe, or paddleboat. Our life-guarded lagoon is the perfect place to learn how to paddle. If you are planning a party at the park this is the perfect activity for all your guests. Bring along your water-bottles, hats, and sun-block.

Call (305) 948-2891 or (305) 945-3425.

Meet at the Greynolds Park Boathouse and Nature Center

17530 W. Dixie Highway, North Miami Beach, FL 33160

SUN, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

ECOADVENTURES™: OLETA RIVER KAYAK TOUR

\$25/person. Not recommended for children under the age of 7.

Rated: Moderate

Join park naturalists on this guided kayak exploration of the Oleta River and its mangrove-lined creeks where many wading birds and other wildlife can be viewed up close. You will also have the opportunity to visit an archaeological site where Tequesta Indians made their home over 2000 years ago. Reservations are required. Call (305) 365-3018. On Sundays and holidays please call Greynolds Park at (305) 945-3425.

Meet at East Greynolds Northeast Regional Dog Park

16700 Biscayne Blvd, North Miami Beach, FL, 33160

SUN, 9 a.m. - noon

ECOADVENTURES™: HISTORIC CORAL GABLES WATERWAY CANOE ADVENTURE

\$33 per person

One of the joys of paddling a canoe is the access it gives you to memorable places such as the Coral Gables Waterway. It is a leisure canoeing experience that encompasses both nature and history in a delightful blend of unique natural vistas and historic landmarks. A surprising amount of wildlife can be seen in the water and on the shore.

A.D. Barnes Park Nature Center

3401 SW 72 Ave.,

Miami, FL 33155

305-365-3018

SUN, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S BAYSIDE BIRDING KAYAK ADVENTURE

\$40 / person

Join our naturalist on a kayak tour of Biscayne Bay as you explore Key Biscayne's coastline for different birds that call this area home. Depending on the season you may even see some migratory species taking a well-deserved rest on their migration route. This trip is a great introduction to kayaking and we are certain it will be the highlight of your visit to Crandon Park. We highly recommend closed-toe shoes (water shoes), water (1 quart minimum), snacks, sunglasses, sunscreen, towel, and a wide-brimmed hat. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

SUN, 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK'S KEY BISCAYNE BIKE ADVENTURE

\$28 / person

Come and explore beautiful Key Biscayne as you bike along the streets and paths of this historic barrier island. This tour highlights Crandon Park's Bear Cut Preserve, the Crandon Gardens – site of the original Crandon Zoo - and the Village of Key Biscayne. Reservations are required.

Crandon Park Visitors and Nature Center
6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne, FL
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

Available Upon Request / Reservation Required

ECOADVENTURES™: BEAR CUT PRESERVE NATURE WALKS

\$3/Person

Learn about the invertebrates that inhabit the sea grass beds of Crandon Park as you participate in a touch tank presentation. Then enjoy a leisurely walk along one of the many trails of Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about butterflies, birds and the many plant and animal species that inhabit the coastal environments of South Florida. Bring your binoculars along and your water shoes in tow! You never know what the tide might wash in!

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6767 Crandon Blvd., Key Biscayne
Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

Available Upon Request / Reservation Required

ECOADVENTURES™: CRANDON PARK TRAM TOURS

\$4 / Adult, \$2 / Children (14 years old and younger) (minimum 10 people)

Enjoy a tram ride through the Bear Cut Preserve. Learn about the island of Key Biscayne and its fascinating history. From the Tequesta Indians to the pirates and pioneers, it's been an amazing journey.

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Parking Lot #1, North Beach Entrance
(305) 365-3018

ECOADVENTURES™ SCOUT PROGRAMS

Earn a badge or patch; or participate in one of our several other EcoAdventures™ programs designed for a great scouting experience. You can choose from a menu of outdoor programs ranging from nature hikes, animal and plant studies, compass work, campfire programs, night hikes and camping. Call (305) 365-3018 for information.

ECOADVENTURES™ BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Create a birthday party experience your child will never forget! Our EcoAdventures™ Nature Centers offer nature-based birthday parties that are educational and fun for children ages 3 to 13 years old. Call (305) 365-3018 for information.

ECOADVENTURES™ OUTREACH PROGRAMS (AT YOUR LOCATION)

Bring the excitement of EcoAdventures™ Nature Center programs to your classroom! Our EcoAdventures™ Naturalists can bring you curriculum-based programs from the Living Classroom Series that focuses on the natural and cultural history of South Florida. Lesson plans are aligned with the Sunshine State and FCAT Standards. Pair an outreach program with a field trip to a Miami-Dade Park and Recreation nature center or park for even more fun and learning. Call (305)365-3018 for more information.